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Applicant:	BIPPUS ET AL.	Examiner:	T. NGUYEN
Serial No.:	09/856,788	Group Art Unit:	2833
Filed:	AUGUST 8, 2001	Docket No.:	2316.1885USWO
Title:	CROSSTALK SHIELDING DEVICE FOR CONNECTION STRIPS IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND DATA COMMUNICATION		

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.6(d):

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

European Patent No. 1133814B1 is listed on the attached Form 1449. This European patent claims priority to the same PCT application, WO 00/31837, and German application, DE 198 53 837.5, to which the pending application claims priority.

Exhibit A listed on the attached Form 1449 is a Notice of Opposition filed with respect to European Patent No. 1133814B1. Exhibits B, C, and D are references cited in the Notice of Opposition.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

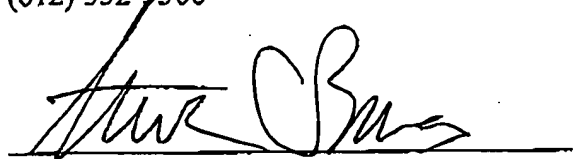
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